

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS— PROPERTY TAX—REPEAL

H. J. R. No. 1

Amending the constitution to repeal the state property tax.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article VIII, Section 1-e, of the Texas Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1-e. 1. No State ad valorem taxes shall be levied upon any property within this State.

2. All receipts from previously authorized State ad valorem taxes that are collected on or after the effective date of the 1982 amendment to this section shall be deposited to the credit of the general fund of the county collecting the taxes and may be expended for county purposes. Receipts from taxes collected before that date shall be distributed by the legislature among institutions eligible to receive distributions under prior law. Those receipts and receipts distributed under prior law may be expended for the purposes provided under prior law or for repair and renovation of existing permanent improvements.

Sec. 2. That Article VIII of the Texas Constitution be amended by adding Section 1-h to read as follows:

Sec. 1-h. VALIDATION OF ASSESSMENT RATIO. Section 26.03, Tax Code, is validated as of January 1, 1980.

Sec. 3. That Article VII, Section 17, of the Texas Constitution be repealed.

Sec. 4. This constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 2, 1982. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment repealing the state property tax."

Passed by the House on May 25, 1982: Yeas 132, Nays 14, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 27, 1982: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Approved May 28, 1982.

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